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INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN 4-H CLUB WORK

A Radio Talk by Florence L. Hall, Extension Service, broadcast in the National 4-H Club program, National Farm and Home Hour, Saturday, July 7, 1934.

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Good afternoon, Friends of the Farm and Home Hour:

During the National 4-H Club Camp, held here in Washington last month, it was my privilege to attend some of the daily conferences of camp delegates. The theme for the week was "Co-operation", and camp members gave accounts of co-operative undertakings in their home communities.

For instance, Norma James of Rhode Island told of the efforts of her club in getting a club house. They obtained permission to use an abandoned school house, which they cleaned up and painted. Working together they gathered up old furniture around the neighborhood and spent several days repairing, re-finishing and painting these old pieces. Curtains at the windows and flowers and shrubs around the grounds add to the attractiveness of this building, which now serves as a community center. Much credit for this co-operative piece of work is due to the local leader, an enterprising young woman who graduated from Rhode Island State College in 1933. Unable to get work, she has acted as volunteer assistant to the County Club Agent throughout the year.

Delia Faler of Spokane County, Washington, told members of National Camp, of the four community fairs held every September in her County. 4-H leaders organize these fairs where club members exhibit the results of their project work and give demonstrations of approved methods in farming and homemaking. Expenses for these fairs run from \$75, to \$100. Club members raise this money beforehand by giving dinners and entertainments. Last fall seven hundred individuals exhibited their products at these fairs which stimulate community interest and are giving local people an opportunity to see some of the accomplishments in club work.

Read Adams, delegate from Chenango County, New York, told of the Chenango County 4-H band. The director of this band is a young farmer, formerly a 4-H Club member. The band gives local concerts and has played at State and National gatherings such as Farm and Home Week at Cornell University, and the American Country Life Association. Last summer, public-spirited business men of the County helped the band members raise a fund of \$1,500 which paid their expenses for a three day's stay in Chicago. While there, they gave three concerts at the Century of Progress Exposition.

Ruby Corr, Kansas delegate, told of her membership in the Clovia Club at Kansas State Agricultural College. Clovia is a club of thirty home economics 4-H students who live in a house on the campus which they manage co-operatively, dividing the work of planning, preparing and serving the meals. Expenses are low, enabling many 4-H Club girls who could not otherwise afford it, to have a college education.

Another example of co-operation of college students is the 4-H Club building recently completed at Massachusetts State College at Amherst. 4-H boys did the

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excavating and 4-H Club members raised most of the money for building materials. Stones brought by members from each County of the State were used in walks and fireplace. At the dedication of this building, which is used as campus headquarters for 4-H activities, honor was paid to Mr. George L. Farley, State Club Leader, who was largely responsible for planning and erecting the building.

Other stories of co-operation show that young 4-H citizens are alive to the needs around them and are working together to serve the communities where they live, co-operating with the Red Cross, contributing food and clothing to needy families, donating fruit and vegetables to hospitals, taking charge of children at mothers' meetings, putting on home talent plays at community fairs, beautifying grounds of schools, churches and other public buildings.

Working together is only part of the story. Playing together is important too. More than 100,000 club members will have that experience this summer at State and County 4-H camps. While farm boys and girls get considerable outdoor life in their daily routine, they do not in many cases, have opportunity for social contacts and recreation. 4-H camps provide these opportunities and enrich the lives of boys and girls through a varied program of education and recreation. In many States these camps are held at the State Agricultural College where club members get acquainted with facilities offered at their own State College and are stimulated to continue their education.

Co-operation with others, learning to work and to play together, is one of the objectives of club work and is fostered by 4-H camps, which are in reality training schools in sportsmanship, leadership, friendship and co-operative living.

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